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1. Prof. Dr. Willi Rinow, Director of the First Mathematics Institute of Greifswald University, was called to Greifswald in 1950 by Professor Dr. Hans Beyer, the organic chemist, to assume the post of dean of the Institute of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Beyer and Rinow were schoolmates and acquaintances of long standing. Rinow was considered by

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in the daily newspaper during the German-Soviet Friendship month that he had agreed to translate a Soviet mathematics publication into German. However, as far as Source knows, Rinow was not politically active and did not belong to the SED.

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3. Prof. Dr. Franz von Krbeek fifty-four years of age, was deputy director of the Institute. Politically, he was an absolute reactionary and not a Communist. Von Krbeek studied in Berlin, Goettingen, and Paris and for a long time was a member of the Schroedinger, von Neumann and Kudar circle. Like von Neumann, Scillard, Polanyi and Kudar, von Krbeek was a German-Hungarian of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. He was one of the few Germans with a command of the Hilbert-Raum theory of mathematics. Because of his extraordinary versatility, he was employed some time ago as a mathematician by a large bank in London and during the war was a journalist. Although not judged favorably by many of his elder German colleagues, he was greatly

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addressed by von Neumann 1/, Nevanlinna 2/, Hopff 3/, and Klopff 4/. Von Krbeck recently published a book , together with several papers, on the mathematical treatment of the wave theory (from the quantum mechanics point of view).

4. Heisenberg and von Laue did not think kindly of von Krbeck because he rejected Heisenberg's matrix mechanics as being mathematically inexact and because he criticized strongly the quantum mechanical views of Heisenberg's assistant, von Weizsaecker. Von Krbeck considered von Laue, as far as his views in quantum mechanics are concerned, as scientifically impossible.

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- 1/ von Neumann, professor of mathematics at Princeton University.  
2/ Nevanlinna, mathematician in Helsinki and Gierich.  
3/ Hopff, mathematician in Gierich.  
4/ Klopff, professor of mathematics at Tuebingen University.

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